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Agree Monday meeting needs preface giving our general view recent
Berlin events. Use following line:

Communist closure Soviet sector border with West Berlin is major
Soviet move in deepening crisis over Berlin. Direct countermeasures such
as West has employed in past to meet more limited Communist actions have
been thoroughly examined and appear in general be inadequate. Available
measures in fact more likely give impression weakness than strength.
Viewing latest Soviet move as one action in broader East-West

conflict, it is clear that most important and urgent task for West is
increased military preparedness by all NATO members. Latest Soviet action,
which dangerously heightens state of tension between East and West, must
be read as unequivocal sign of Soviet intention to press with all means
to achievement of Soviet and ~~East~~ East German goals on West Berlin. Viewed
in this light it is apparent most effective and meaningful response to
~~latest~~ latest Communist action is not solely matter for Three Powers or
Four but for all NATO Allies.

Special problem was clearly need to reassure West Berliners,
~~that strengthening of the German Democratic Republic would not lead to a~~
understandably shaken by menacing deployment East German and Soviet
~~in the East German Democratic Republic that would lead to a~~

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~~should not be used to express their understanding and support for this move.~~
forces. Hence decision re strengthening of U.S. garrison Berlin. Request you
indicate to others in NAC or bilaterally that it would be helpful if their
governments would seek appropriate occasion express their understanding and support
of this move. Suggest use also Wireless File Report Secretary's "Meet the Press"
interview Aug. 20.

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